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In Re Application of: Charles Clendenning)
Serial No.: 08/938,909)
Filed: September 26, 1997)
For: EXCAVATING TOOTH ASSEMBLY)

PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DS. C. 20231

Sir:

Responding to a September 9, 1999 Office Action (Paper No. 15), kindly amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14, 15 and 17 through 28.

Please amend Claim 29 as follows:

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29. (Amended) An assembly for releasably attaching an excavating tooth to an
excavating implement, comprising:

an adapter defining a longitudinal axis and having a base portion attachable to the
excavating implement and a nose portion extending forwardly from the base portion, said nose
portion having laterally spaced sides and converging upper and lower surfaces terminating at a
forward end, said adapter defining an elongated aperture open at opposite ends and defining a

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